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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director [redacted]

SUBJECT: ARTICHOKE Field Interrogation.

1. Between 4 June 1952 and 18 June 1952 an ARTICHOKE team composed of IS&O personnel, [redacted] and [redacted] representatives of the Medical Office, [redacted] and [redacted] psychiatrist; and an IS&O consultant, [redacted] a professional hypnotist, carried out experiments in [redacted].

2. The team was based at [redacted] and ran two subjects who were considered as experienced professional type agents suspected of being [redacted] agents. The cover for the ARTICHOKE interrogation was a psychiatric medical examination as to suitability for future use of the two individuals by the field station. Interrogation methods consisted of the application of drugs, hypnosis singly and in combination, and polygraph interrogation before and after applications.

The interrogations were regarded by [redacted] as very successful from the substantive standpoint and were considered by the team as very successful, from the standpoint of the technique employed, the information extracted, the control over the subjects through drugs and hypnosis and the amnesia on the part of the subjects as to the actual events that took place in the course of the interrogation. In one case the subject was regressed back 15 years in his life and under the influence of drugs and hypnosis accepted [redacted] the [redacted] case officer, under simulated conditions, as an old and trusted personal friend whom the subject had known years ago in [redacted].

4. The use of drugs was very successful, both for straight control of the subject and as a preliminary means of ready induction of hypnosis. In one instance hypnosis was obtained without the use of drugs, wherein the professional hypnotist in English directed [redacted] a field case officer, through a technical intercommunication system, who translated instructions into [redacted] and hypnotized the subject for full control purposes.

5. The drugs and the techniques used are not new but represented merely a refinement and a professional application of previously known

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techniques with a high degree of success. These techniques woven into an elaborate cover were adapted by the team for interrogation purposes. Due to the special security considerations attendant in this process, only two subjects were available at this time who represented "hard core" cases with a high degree of motivation for deception. The team coordinated its activities very successfully and full credit should go to the members of the team representing their different professions, to the case officers in [redacted] and the security unit in [redacted] for assistance and support in the form of facilities to conduct the experiment.

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